

## News briefs

Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that cattle and sheep will not be allowed into Canada from continental Europe this year because of recent foot and mouth outbreaks in Italy, France and Austria. Foot and mouth is a highly contagious livestock disease. Canada has been free of the disease except for one outbreak in 1952 and any introduction into this country could seriously affect Canada's ability to export Canadian livestock.

Celanese Canada Incorporated has received Alberta government approval to build a \$255-million methanol plant at Clover Bar, east of Edmonton, Economic Development Minister Hugh Planche says. The plant will use natural gas to produce 2,100 metric tons of methanol a day. Celanese expects to export as much as 75 per cent of initial production to the United States and Pacific Rim countries. The balance will go to Canadian markets, including an on-site derivative plant.

Massey-Ferguson Limited says it has received a \$41-million (U.S.) order from Saudi Arabia for tractors and farm implements. The order from Massey's distributor, E.A. Iuffali and Bros., is for 2,300 tractors. Both tractors and engines are built in Britain. Included in the order are 8,500 Massey implements, such as ploughs, tillers and trailers. Massey and Iuffali are now at the final stage for a joint project with Saudi Tractor Manufacturing Company, which will assemble Massey tractors in a new plant to be built in Jeddah.

The University of Guelph has entered into a four-year faculty exchange program with Peking University to interchange agricultural techniques, beginning January 1, 1982. An agreement between the two institutions was reached recently during a visit to China by the president of

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Arnie Boldt, a 22-year-old student from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan set a world record for handicapped high jumpers with a leap of 2.04 metres in the International Games for the Handicapped held in Rome. The world record for non-handicapped jumpers is 2.36 metres. He also set a new world record in the long jump with a mark of 2.99 metres.



the University of Guelph, Donald Forster, and several faculty members.

The board of directors of the Export Development Corporation (EDC) has approved loans of \$265.26 million and export credits insurance of \$93.7 million to nine countries: Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Mexico, Morocco, Peru and Britain. EDC said that the export sales that will result if the sales are finalized will create or maintain 7,722 man-years of employment in Canada and will involve some 112 exporters and major suppliers across Canada.

The economy will show an unexpectedly healthy economic growth rate in 1981, buoyed by higher exports and an upturn in inventory levels, University of Toronto Professor T.A. Wilson told the quarterly outlook conference held by Data Resources of Canada on April 21. Real growth will reach 3.6 per cent, with a strong first quarter followed by a short pause and then a rebound in the last half. The positive outlook is in sharp contrast to predictions of only 1.5 per cent growth made at the last conference.

Sundance Oil Canada Limited of Calgary has discovered a new natural gas field in south-central Alberta that could contain up to seven trillion cubic feet of gas and 400 million barrels of natural gas liquids. This represents almost a five-year domestic supply at current consumption rates. Sundance says that the Hoadley field discovery is second only to the Elmworth field discovered in the mid 1970s.

After tax profits of Canadian industrial

corporations, seasonally adjusted, were \$5.071 billion for the fourth quarter of 1980, an increase of \$14 million or .28 per cent over the seasonally adjusted profits for the prior quarter. Profits, not seasonally adjusted, were \$5.46 billion, a decrease of \$316 million or 5.4 per cent over last year's figures.

Consumption of red meat in Canada in 1980 was 164.53 pounds per capita compared to 160.82 pounds in 1979. The 1980 per capita consumption estimates are: beef, 87.7 pounds (88.06 pounds in 1979); pork, 71.25 pounds (65.48); veal, 3.09 pounds (3.06); mutton and lamb, 1.75 pounds (2.33); offal, 0.74 pounds (1.87). Apparent 1980 consumption of other food groups in pounds per person are as follows: cereals, 158.1 (148.3); sugars and syrups, 89.5 (92.6); pulses and nuts, 8.8 (11.5).

Frontier Airlines of Saskatchewan has begun the first ever daily scheduled air service linking the province with the United States. The Canadian Transport Commission granted a temporary, two-year licence for the service last fall. The flight leaves Saskatoon daily, picks up passengers in Regina and lands in Minot, North Dakota. It goes to Denver and ends at Phoenix.

Larry Robinson, a defenceman with the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens, was the only Canadian team player selected to the world hockey championship all-star team. The team was chosen at the close of the championships held recently in Gothenburg, Sweden.